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SYNCHRONOUS DOWNSHIFTS IN A MULTIPLE-RATIO TRANSMISSION

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

This is a response to the Restriction Requirement of May 3, 2006.

Applicants elect without traverse to prosecute the invention of Group I. Claim 1 is drawn to the invention of claim 1, which is an electronic ratio shift control method for adjusting pressure time at the start of a ratio change, monitoring operating conditions during a current downshift and adapting the downshift characteristics.

Applicants are filing, concurrently with this paper, an Amendment to claims 2-23 whereby those claims are presented in dependent form based on claim 1. The Amendment also adds new claims 30-37. It is requested that claims 2-23, as well as newly added claim 29, be included in elected Group I together with claim 1. Claims 1-23 and 29 define a non-synchronous power-off downshift. Claims 24-28 and 30-37, which define a non-synchronous power-on downshift, should, in Applicants' view, be considered to be non-elected.

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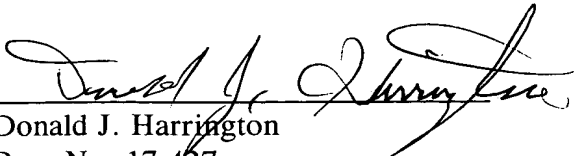
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An examination on the merits of claims 1-23 and 29 is respectfully requested.

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